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SUMMARY: THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS APPROACHED THE EMBASSIES
OF SEVERAL OECD COUNTRIES, REQUESTING THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS
MAKE PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS OF SUPPORT FOR THE CANAL TREATIES
DURING THE WEEK MARCH 9-15. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT PLANS TO ISSUE
SUCH A STATEMENT MARCH 9. END SUMMARY.

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1. THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS APPROACHED THE EMBASSIES
OF SEVERAL OECD COUNTRIES HERE AND ASKED THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS
ISSUE PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS OF SUPPORT FOR THE PANAMA CANAL
TREATIES PRIOR TO THE SENATE VOTE ON THE NEUTRALITY TREATY
ANNOUNCED FOR MARCH 16. THE BRITISH, JAPANESE, FRENCH AND GERMAN
EMBASSIES (AS WELL AS SEVERAL OTHERS, WE IMAGINE) HAVE RECEIVED
SUCH APPEALS.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER NICOLAS GONZALEZ-REVILLA TELEPHONED THE GERMAN CHARGE LATE LAST WEEK AND ASKED FOR THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT TO ISSUE SUCH A PRONOUNCEMENT. THE CHARGE TOLD AS EMBASSY OFFICER THAT HE PERSONALLY WAS UNENTHUSIASTIC, BUT HE NEVERTHELESS FORWARDED THE REQUEST TO BONN. HE DOUBTED THE FRG WOULD TAKE ANY ACTION ON IT.

3. BRITISH AMBASSADOR ROBERT M. JOHN RECEIVED A CALL SATURDAY, MARCH 4, INVITING HIM TO HAVE LUNCH WITH GENERAL TORRIJOS RIGHT AWAY AT A DOWNTOWN RESTURANT. AMBASSADOR JOHN NOT ONLY HAD LUNCH WITH TORRIJOS AND GONZALEZ-REVILLA, BUT SPENT THE REST OF THE AFTERNOON OVER DRINKS WITH THEM AT THE BRITISH EMBASSY RESIDENCE.

4. AMBASSADOR JOHN INFORM US THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN PLANNING TO ISSUE SUCH A STATEMENT OF SUPPORT LATER THIS MONTH, BUT HAS NOW DECIDED TO MAKE IT MARCH 9 IN THEHOUSE OF COMMONS. AMBASSADOR READ US A LETTER FROM PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN TO TORRIJOS, IN WHICH RE REITERATED HMG'S " UNRESERVED SUPPORT" FOR THE TREATIES. RELEASE OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN EMBARGOED FOR 1800Z HRS. MARCH9.

5. SEVERAL DIPLOMATIC SOURCES HERE HAVE TOLD US THAT THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT IS IN THE PROCESS OF CONTACTING THE EMBASSIES OF THE OTHER COUNTRIES TORRIJOS VISITED DURING HIS TRIP TO ISREAL AND EUROPE LAST YEAR, AS WELL AS A FEW OTHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHIPPING COUNTRIES. A SPOT CHECK OF SEVERAL EMBASSIES REVEALS THAT SOME EMBASSIES HAVE BEEN CONTACTED AND SOME OTHER HAVE NOT. (ISREAL HAS NOT.)

6. AMBASSADOR JOHN SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE HAD BEEN A MOVE AFOOT TO GET A STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE TREATIES FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET BUT THE FRENCH OBJECTED. JORDEN

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